

V. REMARKS

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being in definite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. The claim is amended to obviate the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Hawk et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As indicated in the Office Action, claims 4-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim in any intervening claims. Claim 1 is amended by including the features of claims 2-4. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Claim 2 is canceled and, as a result, the rejection as applied thereto is now moot.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Ono et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As indicated in the Office Action, claims 4-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim in any intervening claims. Claim 1 is amended by including the features of claims 2-4. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Claims 2 and 3 are canceled and, as a result, the rejection as applied thereto is now moot.

Claim 10 depends from claim 1 and includes all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claim is allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features it recites.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure(s):      Amendment Transmittal  
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